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## AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed September 28, 2000. No fee is believed to be necessary for entry of this Amendment. However if any fee is necessary for entry of this Amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account 06-0029 for any fee necessary, and in such event, is requested to notify us of the fee charged.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (AMENDED) A dough forming and cutting apparatus for forming and cutting a dough sheet having a characteristic thickness between a first surface with a first skin and a second surface with a second-skin, the apparatus comprising:

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a forming cutter having a blunt dough engaging portion which has a convex dough forming region with a depth greater than the thickness of the dough sheet and wherein the dough engaging portion is at least approximately 0.25 inches thick and is configured to shape and sever the dough sheet into a plurality of items, with the first surface of each